



STATE OF MICHIGAN
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
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RESUBMITTED: January 12, 2004
February 9, 2004

Memorandum to the Natural Resources Commission:

SUBJECT: Bear Management Unit Boundary Change

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, authorizes the Director and the Commission to issue orders to manage wild animals in this state.

Discussion and Background:

In response to increasing bear observations and problem bear complaints in portions of the Lower Peninsula, the Baldwin Bear Management Unit will be expanded to include all of Leelanau County. An expansion of hunting opportunity will assist in addressing the three-year trend in increased complaints from this portion of the Baldwin Bear Management Unit. This action has been discussed with opinion leaders of the state bear hunter organizations, and they support the action.

Recommendation:

This order was submitted for information only at the February 2004 meeting of the Natural Resources Commission. This item appeared in the February 23, 2004, Calendar and is eligible for approval on March 5, 2004. We are now recommending that it be acted upon at this meeting.

Rebecca A. Humphries, Chief
Wildlife Division

Alan Marble, Acting Chief
Law Enforcement Division

George E. Burgoyne, Jr.
Resource Management Deputy

I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the Natural Resources Commission has authority.

K. L. Cool
Director

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORDER

Amendment No. 3 of 2004

Under the authority of sections 40107 and 40113a, Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, being sections 324.40107 and 324.40113a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Natural Resources Commission and the Director of the Department of Natural Resources ordered that effective March 8, 2004, the following section of the Wildlife Conservation Order shall read as follows:

12.557 "Baldwin bear management unit" defined.

Sec. 12.557. "Baldwin bear management unit" means all of Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Osceola, and Wexford counties and that area of Newaygo county north of highway M-20.

Issued this 5th day of March, 2004.

Approved as to matters over which the Natural Resources Commission has authority.

Keith J. Charters, Chairman
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

K. L. Cool
Director